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Registrars Listing All Citizens For First Time Provided By Law; Canvass Follows That Of Assessors

The members of the board of Registrars are finishing their first annual canvass of all residents of the town and from these lists a new voting list will be made, which will also furnish the new military list, the list of those to be assessed for poll taxes and the list of women. Messrs Charles L. Johnson, Henry W. Russell and Charles L. Gilbert are the registrars who with the town clerk, have performed the work.

In previous years this work has been taken care of by the assessors, but chapter 440 of the Acts of 1938 transferred this duty of listing from the Assessors to the Registrars of Voters, making them solely responsible for the accuracy of the lists of persons eligible to vote.

Briefly, the registrars must annually in January or February visit every building in town and make true lists of all male persons 20 years of age and over, liable to be assessed a poll tax (by the assessors), and of all women 20 years of age and over; also of male persons between 18 and 20, who are liable for military enrollment (18 to 45 years of age). These lists will be used by the registrars in the annual revision of the voting lists, and a copy of the list of male persons 20 years of age and over furnished to the assessors for the purpose of assessment of poll taxes, and also notice of any additions or corrections thereto.

Under the new law all persons must now appear before the registrars at announced sittings and affix their signature to an official card which will be supplied. Before being able to vote thereafter, each person must sign another card when applying for a ballot at election and the signature on this card must conform to the signature on the original card before a ballot can be obtained.

This roster which the registrars have taken will furnish complete figures on the population of the town of adult age and of those who are included as legal residents, with the privilege of voting.

Prayer Gatherings

During the present week, prayer meetings have been conducted each evening at the homes of members of the Congregational church as an aftermath of the series of meetings conducted by Dr. Ironside. Tuesday and Friday evening the meetings were at the Bronson Inn, Wednesday evening at the Homestead and Thursday evening at the church.

Grangers Attend Pomona Meeting

A large delegation of members from the local Grange attended the meeting of the Deerfield Valley and Conn. Valley Pomona Grange held with the Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield last Saturday. The third and fourth degrees were exemplified.

High Priest of Demeter Charles M. Gardner of Westfield spoke on the ritual work. Women from the Shelburne Grange with Mrs. A. Burnham as master, conferred the third degree on a class of candidates, while O. S. Bickford was master in charge of the fourth degree work.

State Deputy Francis Barnard presided. State Master Everett Stone of Auburn was also present. Refreshments were served by a group of Guiding Star Grange ladies.

Granges present were East Hartford, Ct., Wilmington, Vt., West Halifax, Vt., Ashfield, Montague, Bernardston, Shelburne, Colrain, Buckland, Northfield, Northampton, Leverett, Athol, Petersham, North Orange, New Salem, Westfield, Easthampton, Warwick, Heath and Greenfield. There were 170 present.

The Brotherhood

Rev. Albert J. Penner, pastor of the Second Congregational church, Holyoke, will speak on "Germany A I Knew Her." Mr. Penner had the privilege of studying in Germany for a year and a half. His talk should prove interesting and instructive. Before going to one of the largest Congregational churches in Western Massachusetts, Mr. Penner was pastor of the Edward church in Northampton.

We have invited the men who are working temporarily in town on lumbering operations to this meeting as guests of the Brotherhood. Come and share in extending a welcome greeting to them.

Desires Moody Material

All persons who have any interesting souvenirs or material relating to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Moody and Ira D. Sankey, or to their campaigns, are invited to make contributions of the same to a collection which is being gathered for eventual exhibition in a Memorial building which it is hoped to secure for permanent purposes. In the meanwhile all mementoes will be placed in a vault for safe keeping.



POPE PIUS XI

His death last week brought to a close a pontificate which began on February 6, 1922. Born Achille Ratti on May 31, 1857, he became a priest in 1879, a Monsignor in 1915, a Bishop in 1919 and a Cardinal in 1921. He is mourned by the peoples of all nations, not only of his own church and faith but by all others, impressed with his devotion and loyalty, for peace in a world, torn with strife and wars.

The Garden Club Adopts New By-laws

The Garden club met Monday evening at Alexander hall for its annual supper meeting. Some 40 members were present and with Mrs. Charles F. Taber, president, presiding, the special committee reported on the new by-laws which were adopted. The club will meet regularly on the first Monday evening of each month except January and February when the meetings will be held on the second Monday evening.

Other officers of the club are L. P. Goodspeed, vice-president, and Grove Deming, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Martin Vorce is chairman of the program committee with Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed and Grove Deming. The committee in charge of the annual supper consisted of Mrs. Charles Taber, Mrs. L. A. Polhemus, Mrs. Charles Hodgson and Mrs. William Miller.

Health Council Meets

The local Health Council held a meeting at the town hall with the district nurse on Monday evening in which routine business was transacted, reports received and plans discussed. A social service committee was organized and duties outlined with Mrs. John Holden as chairman.

Mrs. Ross Spencer was appointed chairman of a committee on clinics and conferences. Mrs. J. V. McNeil, chairman of committee on articles to be loaned, reported the following articles available to be loaned to townpeople without charge at the discretion of the committee or Miss Purinton, nurse: Two beds with mattresses, one overbed table, three pillows, rubber sheets, sheets and pillow slips, etc., one bed side stand, bed pans, etc., electric heater, oil heater, bed blocks, sand bags, scales, crutches and wheel chair.

Gave Library Books

The Dickinson library is in receipt of the gift of two splendid books from Miss Alice Priest of Brookline. One is the new book, just off the press, by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, entitled "A Guide to the Understanding of the Bible" and the other, "I, Yahweh" by Rev. Robert Gray, a novel in the form of a biography. Miss Priest will be remembered by many as the daughter of Dwight Priest, who once ran the hotel in South Vernon in the building now used as the Advent Christian Home.

Gave Fine Address

Last Sunday morning in the Congregational church, Allan C. Emery, a prominent business man of Boston, and president of the New England Evangelistic association, gave a most interesting discourse on "The Layman in the Christian Program." Mr. Emery is also a trustee of Wheaton college. In his talk he emphasized the fact that Christian men must "believe in the gospel, must live the gospel and be witnesses to the gospel truth." He was a vigorous and practical speaker. He also spoke at the evening service on "How the World Can Be Saved."

There was special music by the choir at the services and a large attendance was noted. Many came from the nearby towns to hear Mr. Emery, especially a large group from Keene, N. H.

Local Legion Post Presents The Hi-Boys Next Thursday Night

Many of Northfield's hill-billy fans will have their first opportunity to meet a nationally known cowboy band when the Hi Boys appear in town hall, Thursday, Feb. 23, under the auspices of the local American Legion post. This well known troupe consists of six members and so versatile is their performance that a full evening's entertainment, including singing and instrumental music, comedy, drama, and dancing, passes without a dull moment.

The group has been heard over some of the country's most powerful broadcasting stations and they are now being heard locally from WTIC, Hartford, and over the NBC coast-to-coast network. The Hi Boys are no ordinary hill-billies. Each is an accomplished musician; their musical instruments are valued at some thousands of dollars and they carry their own amplifying system.

The group revolves about Max Raney and Doye O'Dell, both six-foot native Texans who play the guitar and accordion and alternate as master of ceremonies. Also in the line-up are King Owen, musician-comedian; "Half-Pint Flossie," who sings "heart-throb" songs; Frank Haggerty, known as "Fiddlin' Shorty"; and Jane Conynne, versatile tap-dancer. Without a doubt this group is the best known unit of its kind in the world of entertainment today.

Many of Northfield's young people, not to mention their elders, are looking forward to dancing to the radio rhythms that have made this ensemble famous. Social dancing will follow the entertainment and will continue until midnight.

The After-Thoughts Of The Services

Although most unfavorable weather conditions prevailed in the closing days of the recent Preaching Mission conducted by Dr. H. A. Ironside at the Congregational church, yet all the services were well attended and much interest manifested. Many very fine testimonies have been offered regarding the influence of the gatherings and many are hoping that some time such a series of meetings will again be conducted.

Mr. Shufelt won his way into the hearts of our people by his singing. He has a fine voice and with it the appeal of Christian spirit.

At Mt. Hermon school, in assembly, and at the Seminary in chapel, Dr. Ironside delivered a message of the gospel to the students and Mr. Shufelt sang.

Over the radio, the devotional hour was acceptably filled by Dr. Ironside and Mr. Shufelt on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Ironside informed Mr. Fitt that he plans another visit to Great Britain shortly after May 1, in company with his sister and her husband from Australia. They have already arrived at San Francisco and will see the fair there, and then visit the New York Worlds Fair, before going on to England.

Goes West For Trip

When Mrs. F. W. Pattison concludes her visit with Mrs. Stanley of Highland avenue and returns to her home in Huntington Park, Calif., she will be accompanied on the journey by Mrs. Stanley, who will spend a few months with the Pattison family. Rev. Mr. Pattison is preaching in a large church in that city where he has assumed the pastorate. After May 1, the family spend their summer vacation at West Summerland in British Columbia, Canada.

Northfield Grange

At the card party on Thursday evening of last week with Mrs. Gertrude Gibson in charge. First prizes went to Mrs. A. H. Farnum and Eugene Irish. Consolation prizes to Mrs. C. I. Holton and Frederick Gibson. Refreshments were served after the games.

At the regular meeting Tuesday evening it was voted to discontinue card parties until further notice. It was voted to hold a dance Thursday evening, and to give half of the receipts to the senior class of the high school. The Grange will present a play at the town hall to aid the Washington trip on March 27.

Moody In Boston Asks Publicity Aid For This Region

Representatives of Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties were in Boston Thursday of last week to appear before the legislative committee on counties to secure favorable action on a bill to enable the county commissioners to expend monies for the purpose of advertising the area. Among those who appeared were A. Gordon Moody of this town, who is president of the Western Massachusetts Visitors association and Mr. Foss, secretary of the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Gunn and Representatives Pierce, Mahar and Dole from this county were present and recorded in favor. There was no opposition to the plea.

Mr. Dole was the first speaker at the hearing and said he was in favor of a county appropriation, to be matched by public subscription, the money to be spent in advertising, for booklets and posters, and other forms of publicity, by an agent of the county commissioners. Also, a county could act by itself, or join with the commissioners of other counties for a general advertising campaign. The act would be subject to acceptance by the county commission.

A. Gordon Moody of the Northfield hotel said the desire of proponents is to develop the Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden area along lines employed successfully by the Berkshire Hills conference in Berkshire county. He said a campaign soon is to be started by which it is expected to raise \$40,000 in the three counties by public subscription. This money would be met by county appropriations.

Wesley Foss, told the committee one phase of the plan is to meet loss of revenues due to removal of industries from the area, and thus to take advantage of this new and growing New England industry, which brings tourists into the area.

Recorded in favor were the manager of the Weldon hotel at Greenfield, R. Stanley Reed, Richard G. Hall and the Franklin county commissioners.

The legislative committee will take the proposition under consideration. Some opposition is to be expected.

Is Elected Auditor Of Mayflower Clan

At the annual meeting of the Vermont Society of Mayflower descendants, held in Montpelier last week Thursday, Mrs. Ellis E. Jones of Vernon was chosen as the auditor for the society. Rev. William C. Clark of South Hero was elected Governor.

Governor Aiken extended greetings in an address which he delivered as the guest speaker. A large attendance was present at the gathering.

Hermon - Seminary Sunday Speakers

The Rev. Graham Baldwin of Phillips-Andover academy will speak at both the 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. services in Russell Sage chapel, at the Seminary, on Sunday.

At Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel, James Ellenwood of the New York State Y. M. C. A. will deliver both the morning and evening addresses. Services will be at 10:30 a. m. and at 5 p. m. Mr. Carlton L'Hommiedieu will play the organ for the half hour immediately following vespers.

Given Surprise

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Randolph expected to quietly observe the 45th anniversary of their wedding at their home on Monday evening, but shortly before eight o'clock were given a real surprise, when about thirty of their friends called to extend their congratulations. All spent a pleasant evening and refreshments were served. Dr. Randolph and his wife, Elva Wolfe, were married in Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 13, 1894.

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If the United States had a national tree it would be the American Elm, and unless persistent scientific warfare against an imported disease succeeds, within a few years there will be no elms in this country. The elm heads off the list of ten trees selected by the National Wildlife Federation for inclusion in the 80 Wildlife Week poster stamp subjects.

"Dutch elm disease" was first recorded in Holland, in 1919. It is believed to have come from Asia. It swept over the continent and into England where, after 18 years of struggle, science has abandoned all elm trees to their doom. In a few more years, the magnificent rows of elms lining many a highway, including the approach to Windsor castle, and making beautiful for centuries the grounds of great estates and public parks will be no more.

Imported Veneer Blamed

The elm disease entered this country in logs from barked elm trees, used in making veneer. It is a fungus, carried by bark-boring beetles. Once a tree is infected, there is no cure. The beetle chiefly responsible for spreading the disease also came from overseas.

In 1933 the fight against the elm disease was begun in the United States.

The elm disease is thus far very largely concentrated in the neighborhood of New York City, with heavy losses in New Jersey and Connecticut. It has also hit trees in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Athens, Ohio; Baltimore, Cumberland and Brunswick, Maryland; Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia; Wilkes, Ford, West Virginia and Indianapolis.

The visible effects of the disease in a growing tree are described by the American Forestry Association: "Wilted leaves on one or more elm branches, followed by discoloration, shriveling and general falling of all but a few of the end leaves is usually good evidence of the Dutch elm disease. The ends of the infected twigs may also curl in a characteristic manner, like a shepherd's crook. During the fall and winter, after the leaves have dropped, the curled twig-ends and numerous trunk-suckers at the base of the

larger limbs are the chief means of identifying the presence of the disease."

Prompt Action Needed

When the disease is suspected, a packet of twigs no larger than lead pencils, from the wilting branches should be sent to the Dutch Elm Disease Laboratory at Morristown, New Jersey.

This laboratory is the headquarters from which the United States Department of Agriculture is carrying on, with the states, the determined campaign to save the American elm.

Complete eradication of infected trees is carried on by poisoning of the diseased trees. An infected elm is girdled and the peeled trunk encircled with a pack containing copper sulphate, which kills the tree and the fungus, prevents sprouting from the stump, repels the disease-carrying beetles and makes it possible to save the wood for fuel. Before this method was developed each tree had to be cut down and promptly burned, the stump being treated with chemicals to stop reproduction from the roots. The copper sulphate process is one-tenth as costly.

All Elms Menaced

The American elm is one of six species of elms native to the United States east of the Great Plains. All will be wiped out unless the disease is conquered.

The American elm won the love of the early colonists, who built their homes in its shade and brought young trees from the forests to line the streets of their towns. In New England are miles of elms in rows that were planted in the early days of the Republic.

The popularity of the American elm was carried westward by settlement. It is the chief shade tree of this country, and is now common in all the states, from the southernmost tip of Texas to the shores of the Lake Superior.

The elm census in a few inland cities shows 600,000 of the trees in Minneapolis; 400,000 in Detroit; 400,000 in Cincinnati; 300,000 in Dallas; 200,000 in Chicago; 150,000 in Oklahoma City; 105,000 in Denver.

Girl Scout News

On Tuesday of last week the Girl Scouts of Troop II had an investiture ceremony at which Ellen Briesmaster, Barbara Given, Patricia Long, Ruth Norton, Phebe Stacy and Virginia Steadler received their tenderfoot pins. Prizes were awarded to the following tenderfoots who had perfect attendance: Ruth Norton and Barbara Given. The following girls who are working for Second Class also received prizes for perfect attendance: Arlene Finch and Helen Howard.

Beginning with Feb. 21 there will be another contest to see how many girls can come to the meetings in full uniform and have perfect attendance. The girls are now working on several badges.

Chess and Checker Meet

On Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, Springfield will be the mecca towards which hundreds of checker and chess playing pilgrims in Western Massachusetts and the Connecticut Valley will turn their footsteps for the 19th annual Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Valley championship chess and checker meet which will be held in the assembly hall of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. on Chestnut street under the auspices of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. Chess and Checker clubs.

Mrs. Rollin Shearer has returned to her home from the Franklin county hospital much improved in health.

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TOWN TOPICS

Many of our town folks heard with pleasure the voices of Dr. Ironside and Mr. Shufelt over the radio station at Greenfield last week in the broadcast of the morning devotions.

Mrs. Nellie Haley of Warwick avenue who has again been quite ill is slowly recovering at her home.

Forest fire warden Charles L. Johnson accompanied by Clifford Bolton, Edward Bolton and Carlton Bolton, attended a dinner and demonstration of forest fire apparatus at Marlboro, N. H. last week Thursday.

Herbert L. Ripley, who has entered the U. S. Army has been assigned to Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.

This Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock the Fortnightly will meet in Alexander hall and there will be a panel discussion on "Censorship."

According to schedule, Julius and Lee Wahl of the Youth Hostel have arrived in New Orleans on their trailer journey across the continent.

Postmasters Skilton of East Northfield, Quinan of Northfield, Amsden of South Vernon and Streeter of Mt. Hermon will attend the semi-annual meeting of the postmasters of the State at Greenfield this Saturday and Sunday.

The next meeting of the Association of University Women will be Thursday, March 2, at the Deerfield Academy which will be attended by several members from this town.

Have a good turkey dinner at the Vernon church and later attend the Legion show at the town hall on the evening of the 23rd.

Bronson Inn reports a full house for some weeks and at the present time is caring for 56 guests.

Rev. Lester P. White was the preacher at the First Congregational church in Greenfield last Sunday morning.

Miss Barbara Mankowsky who is a nurse at the Mercy hospital in Springfield, spent last week-end at her home here.

Administration has been granted to Lee A. Howard in the estate of the late Anson O. Howard by the probate court, and to Herbert P. Ware of Shelburne in the estate of the late Matie E. Plaistridge.

The Sewing society of the Congregational church held an all-day meeting yesterday (Thursday) with a luncheon served at noon.

The Evening Auxiliary of the Congregational church will hold a sewing meeting this Friday evening at the home of Miss Handy.

Walter H. Waite left last Friday for Southern Pines, N. C., owing to the serious illness of his brother, Harlan P. Waite.

Miss Ruth McEwan spent last week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan of Main street.

Rev. W. Stanley Carne led the prayer and praise portion of the program of the Conn. Valley Bible conference at the Second Congregational church in Greenfield yesterday (Thursday). Quite a number of church folks from here were in attendance.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed by the churches on Friday, Feb. 24.

Miss Dorothy Randolph, who is state librarian at Montpelier, Vt. spent last week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Randolph of Main street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hurt of lower Main street at the Farren Memorial hospital on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke have returned from their sojourn in Florida and are now staying at the Kings Crown hotel in New York City.

Although the Red Cross announced it would receive special gifts for the Chilean earthquake sufferers, no contributions have been received from Northfield.

Dr. Richard G. Holton is making a gradual recovery at his home from the shot fracture of his leg sustained some nine weeks ago. Many friends have called to visit him and he is most cheerful.

Monroe Smith, director of the Youth Hostels, was in Chicago this week and on Tuesday addressed the Chicago Rotary club on the Youth Hostel movement.

The Farms Ladies' Benevolent society held a regular meeting and supper at Sunset Farm, Wednesday evening with Mrs. Charles E. Leach as hostess.

The public schools of the town will close for a wee's vacation at the end of the session this Friday.

Miss Lillian Alexander of Boston, will spend several days visiting her mother, Mrs. L. R. Alexander, this week-end.

Frank W. Anderson of Warwick avenue has returned from his visit to Florida. He is looking fine and enjoying good health.

A boy on a bicycle, Stanley Zywna of Gill, was struck by a small truck driven by Mr. Mayberry of Mount Hermon on the Gill road Tuesday afternoon. It is said that the boy swerved directly into the path of the car and the accident was unavoidable. The boy was taken to the Franklin County hospital with a leg fracture.

A public supper was served at the Unitarian church last evening (Thursday) with a good patronage.

The show at the Victoria Theatre, which took the place of a ball in aid of the paralysis fund in Greenfield and supported by all the towns of the county netted the sum of \$1532.64. Postmaster Kennedy of Greenfield was chairman of the committee in charge and Postmaster Skilton of East Northfield was the secretary of the committee.

Dr. Ironside and Mr. Shufelt arrived safely back home in Chicago last Saturday after a week spent here, of which he says he will always have pleasant memories.

A preaching mission is to be conducted next week in the Congregational church at Hinsdale, N. H., and on Wednesday evening the service will be conducted by Rev. W. Stanley Carne.

The local Grange conducted a dance in the Grange hall Thursday evening with Ruth Wright, Dorothy Leach, Esther Hale and Helen Newton as the committee in charge.

Mr. John W. Haigis, county chairman of the disaster relief and preparedness committee of the Franklin county chapter, American Red Cross, announces that the local chapter will accept contributions for remittance to the National headquarters for the benefit of Chilean earthquake sufferers. Funds may be sent to the chapter office at 15 Bank Row in Greenfield or may be left at the Franklin County Trust Co.

Frank W. Zebert and his minor daughter, Alice, of this town, have entered suit against Leon C. and Marion Rich of Saugus to recover \$10,000 from each for injuries received when Alice was struck by a car driven by them. Mr. Zebert seeks to recover \$1,000 from each for his daughter's medical expenses. The case will be tried in the Superior court.

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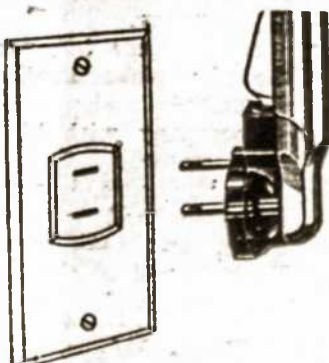
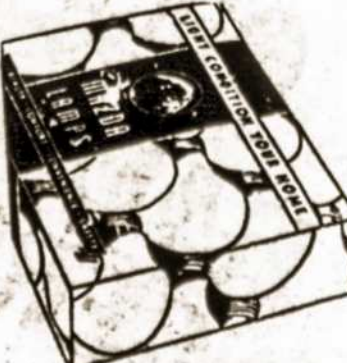
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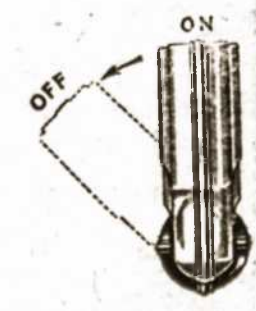
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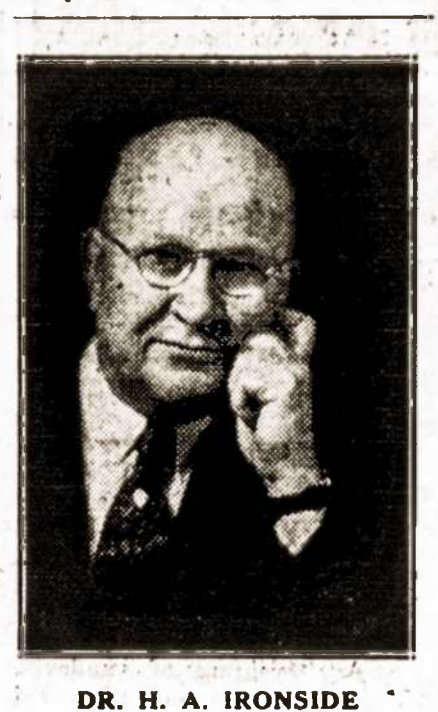
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"Moody's Influence"; Dr. Ironside Address At The Town Hall

The observance of the 102nd birthday anniversary of Dwight L. Moody in a meeting at the Northfield town hall on Sunday, February 5, was marked by an address by Dr. Henry A. Ironside, of the Moody Memorial church of Chicago. His subject was, "What I Have Seen in America and Great Britain of Mr. Moody's Living Influence." The "Press" takes pleasure in presenting the complete address to its readers:



DR. H. A. IRONSIDE

"I tell you to sit down." At once a great throng arose. He asked the usher how many were on their feet, and the usher said, 'I should say something like over five thousand.' Then Mr. Moody said, 'Now I want every one in this audience who was converted before you were 15 years old to sit down. The rest remain standing.' Over half sat down. I was a boy of 12 and I had not yet definitely yielded my heart to Christ though I was religious and deeply interested in spiritual things. But that was a great lesson to me. Over half had settled the question before they were 15 years. Then Mr. Moody said, 'Those of you still on your feet who became Christians before you were 30 sit down.' And more than half of the remaining group sat down. So he moved on from 40 to 50, and when he got above 60 there were only three on their feet. Only three who had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ after they were 60! Then Mr. Moody pressed the lesson of that home to them in a way I never have forgotten. It has come back to me often.

"The next night I had my mother come down too and we got good seats. That night Mr. Stebbins and his wife sang, 'I Have Found a Marble Church and Worshipped There Today.' Mr. Moody preached but I have forgotten the text of that night. It was the song that moved me.

"I came again the next night, and again Mr. Stebbins sang, and it was 'At the Feast of Belshazzar and a Thousand of His Lords.' Mr. Moody preached on Belshazzar's feast, 'Thou Art Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting.' 'Some years afterward, when I was a young preacher myself Mr. Moody came again to California. He made brief visits to principal cities. I had the opportunity of hearing him in Oakland, San Jose, and Los Angeles. He used the same text every time, but every time it was new and interesting. It was short but dramatic, 'Ye Must Be Born Again.' At that time I heard his son Will R. Moody preach, and I remember very well his subject was, 'The Son of Man is Not Come to Destroy Men's Lives But to Save Them.'

"The meetings were held in what was known as Hazard's Pavilion, which has since been demolished and a large theatre put in its place. I went as a lad of 12 to hear Mr. Moody, but that night I found two burly policemen telling the people no more could be admitted as the place was filled to capacity. As I lingered near the door, a moment or two later the door opened and they let a lady and gentleman out, and being rather small I slipped in when she came out, and policemen did not see me. When I got inside the place was so densely packed that I could see nothing from the back, so I worked my way over to the staircase. I went upstairs to the gallery, and I moved along there but I could see no place where I could get a view of the preacher. I went on up to the second gallery, and there I noticed a large wooden girder supporting the ceiling. They were big planks about four inches in thickness and perhaps 14 inches wide. There were two similar planks on the side, and here and there cleats across thus making good strong rafters for the ceiling. I noticed a boy of my age had climbed up, so I climbed up into the rafters over the platform. I remember crawling out on that box-like affair until I was right over the audience looking down on the platform.

"They were singing at the time and a moment or two later Mr. Moody himself rose to speak. I remember how strange he looked from up there, as though he had no neck. He was very heavy set, and with his head set into his shoulders—looking at him from above. I remember I was surprised when he began to speak. I was brought up among a group of folks where the preachers had a holy tone. When they got up to speak there would be a very solemn way of presenting things. They were nearly all from the north of Ireland, or from Scotland, and I thought that was the only way to preach. I can remember how shocked I was to hear an American preacher using a certain term—I thought he was swearing. It was 'goddamn.' I was always used to hearing men speak of 'Almighty God.' I had never heard him bring it out that way.

"When Mr. Moody began to speak I was shocked. It was no holy tone, but he talked like a matter of fact business man. His text was, 'Be Not Deceived, God is Not Mocked. Whatsoever a Man Soweth That Shall He Also Reap.' I remember how logical, definitely business-like he was as he presented the teaching of that scripture to the people. I can remember only the address and what followed.

"Mr. Moody at the close said, 'I wish every person in this great audience who is truly converted, everyone here who really knows the Lord Jesus Christ is your own personal Saviour, would stand and remain standing until

he put his hands on Mr. Moody's shoulders and said, 'Mr. Moody, God is yet waiting to show what he can do to a man wholly yielded to himself.' He said, 'Varley, by the Grace of God, I will seek to be that man,' and how marvelously God has honored that surrender.

"It was my privilege to be asked to go across the sea to represent the Moody Centenary from America. Mr. Mal Trotter went with me. We had the privilege of going from city to city where Mr. Moody and Mr. Sankey held their great meetings in years gone by, an old thing that amazed us was to find that almost every really worthwhile evangelistic movement in Great Britain that had been started in the last 40 years was in some way linked with the testimony of Moody and Sankey.

For instance when I went to Edinburgh there was the Carrothers Closed Mission. It was in an insignificant place off High street, and Mr. Moody said, 'You should get into a more prominent place.' They said they could not because they had not the money. He said, 'I will raise the money.' A committee was called together, and he told them to submit a list of well-to-do Christian people, and to put down the amount each might be expected to give. He was presented with the list, and he ran across the name of a titled lady. He asked who she was, and was told she was a lady of immense wealth. 'How much have you put her down for?' Mr. Moody was told she had been put down for 100 pounds. Said Mr. Moody, 'We will put her down for 2000 pounds.' He went through the rest of the list, raising them all. Then he went to see the titled lady, and after being ushered in, he sat down and talked to her about the need. She said, 'Mr. Moody, what do you expect me to do?' He said, 'Give me 2000 pounds.' She said the best she could do was to give him 1000 pounds. 'Thank you, we will put that down.' Ten times what the committee had hoped to get from her. What was that—Yankee sharpness or consecrated common sense?

"I went to Glasgow where the Bible Training school was practically started by Moody. And the Tabernacle where Pastor Finley was, was the outcome of Moody's visit. We had meetings in Tent Hall, and that was started during the days of the great campaigns. At first it was just a tent at Salt Market, and by and by they built the permanent building, but bearing the name Tent Hall, seating 2200 people. All this, thanks to Mr. Moody's work.

"In London the All Nations Training college invited me to give an address to the students and faculty. The president took me for a walk and said, 'Do you realize that this institution is the direct result of Moody's work?' So one would go from place to place and find that there are thriving centers of Christian testimony all over the British Isles that owe their existence under God to the work of D. L. Moody.

"One remarkable thing is, go where you will among evangelical Christians in Great Britain, and you will find the Moody and Sankey hymn book in use today, 'Sacred Songs and Solos' of which eight million copies have been sold, and the book is still used everywhere. People are as familiar with those hymns today as in the days of Moody and Sankey. It is a rather interesting thing that my own song leader found many hymns strange to him. They struck him as rather new, and when he brought them back the people in Chicago listened to them as something new, and yet years ago all England, Scotland, and Ireland was ringing with them, and at one time, many places in the United States. But we are great for publishing new books, and the old hymns are rather forgotten, but they are singing them still.

"I was greatly impressed by the meeting we had in the Royal Albert Hall in London two years ago tonight. We observed Mr. Moody's 100th birthday by a great meeting. The hall seats 10,000 people, and that night they estimated there were 9600 people present—and everybody paid to get in. There were no free seats, but everybody paid from sixpence to some shillings for the better seats. The only reason there were a number of vacant boxes that would have seated about 400 people more was that they have a peculiar arrangement over there. These boxes are owned by certain families, and are passed on from one generation to another, and some of these are so bitterly opposed to Christian work of any kind, when any sort of Christian testimony is held, as for instance the Bible Society meetings, they positively refuse to allow their boxes to be used by anyone. The King and Queen, and the Duke and Duchess of York donated their boxes gladly in order that poor people might occupy them in order to be present, but there were about 400 seats we were not allowed to use because they were owned in this way by people who hate the name

of Jesus Christ and hate the word of God. But think of the 9600 people in the heart of the city of London, England, gathered together 100 years after the birth of a Northfield boy to remember him and thank God for his testimony. Was it not because of the fact that this boy yielded his life to Christ and determined God should have all there was of him?

"Mr. Moody's favorite text was, 'He That Doeth the Will of God Abideth Forever,' and though a hundred years have gone by since he came into this world, and 39 years since he left it, there are today thousands upon thousands of people, not only in every Christian land, but thousands in heathen lands who have been blessed through translations of his books, or brought to saving knowledge of Christ through those who own their conversion directly to D. L. Moody. Hundreds of thousands of people are rejoicing that God ever gave to us a man such as D. L. Moody to hold aloft the banner of the cross, and invite them to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. It seems sometimes that the longer Moody is in heaven the greater his influence becomes.

"Take his printed ministry. He was not a scholar. His education was very limited as you know, but he valued scholarship. He always sought to help others to get that which he had been denied in his youth. But though not a scholar himself, he was used of God to write a number of books in simple plain rugged English anybody can understand, and those books are still circulating at the rate of hundreds of thousands a year, and they are carrying the gospel message into all kinds of places.

"For instance, among the other institutions he started in Chicago there was the Moody Institute Colportage association to put cheap literature in the hands of the public. And through them today hundreds of thousands are being sent into neglected places, and either sold at a nominal price or distributed free through the generosity of Christian people. Thousands upon thousands have been put into our penitentiaries; and during these last years of our struggle to overcome the depression they have been sent to the C. C. C. camps. All over America they have been sown down with these books of D. L. Moody and other similar works, so that 'the being dead yet speaketh.'

"It seems to me if there is a part of the country, if there is a

town in all the United States that should have a holy pride in the fact that God has honored one of its citizens in a most remarkable way one of those born in their midst, it is this town of Northfield. But it seems to me you have so much to be rightfully proud of. To what extent do we value the thing that meant so much to our own townsmen, the thing that made our life so rich, and because of that today so many people remember him with gratitude as God's messenger. I am glad to have the opportunity giving this brief word."

Kenarden Items

Miss Bertha Peik, assistant professor of Business Education and head of the department of Merchandising at Russell Sage college in Troy, N. Y., spoke on "Merchandising" in Silverthorne hall Wednesday of last week during the regular chapel period. Miss Peik's address was one of a series of vocational talks to be given at the Seminary during the next few weeks.

Albert E. Roberts, former executive secretary of the Northfield schools, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Los Angeles Northfield-Hermon club on Feb. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts' new address is 3025 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, Calif.

Professor Walter Kotschnig of Smith college will speak at a meeting of the Drummond Circle at Mt. Hermon today and at noon assembly in Camp Hall on Saturday. Prof. Kotschnig is in the department of education at Smith and also lectures at Mt. Holyoke.

David Morton, Amherst poet, spoke at the Wednesday noon assembly in Camp hall, Mt. Hermon, this week.

The junior class at Mt. Hermon will present O'Neill's "In The Zone" next Wednesday noon in Camp hall.

Had Valentine Party

About thirty Seminary students under the direction of Miss Barbara Hatch, Miss Meriam Johnson and Miss Marietta Tower, gave a valentine party, at the town hall last Saturday afternoon for a good sized group of the town children. The work was for the purpose of carrying on recreational activity by the recreational department at the Seminary.

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EDITORIAL

High taxes are no idle dream, for sometimes the inevitable happens. Tax consciousness seems to be lost here if the high appropriation amount of the last town meeting, affords any example. When we get a rate high enough to make us squirm, there may be some hope that it will bring about a real intelligence upon the part of our property owners. It would not surprise me if our tax rate would be nearer forty than thirty dollars. Yet with it all, it isn't a circumstance to the expected rate of \$90 which will face the town of Wendell according to announcement by its selectmen. The hurricane did considerable damage there and the particular damage was to the electric power plant which is now to be abandoned, voiding the tax payment previously paid by the power company and passing it on the property owners. Wendell is prostrated.

Going into the homes of 90 per cent of our people, reaching out into 26 of the states to our summer residents and friends and into five foreign countries, the PRESS affirms that it is a wanted newspaper, with subscriptions fully paid for, or compensated, to the number of over a thousand. The PRESS is a quality newspaper, covering its field with the local news. And a newspaper with quality is much more to be desired than the worthless free distribution of circulars, pamphlets or papers, which nobody wants and finds the waste basket upon its appearance. Large free circulations, must not be confounded with quality newspapers, of which the PRESS claims to be an outstanding exponent. Advertisers are beginning to realize that high figures of distribution does not equal the value of wanted publications, even with lower circulation.

Many cities of New England are constantly capitalizing on their natural advantages and upon their points of interest. Historical objects are being emphasized and from New Bedford comes into prominence the effort to preserve the last of the historic whalers which was known as the Charles W. Morgan. For 80 years this good ship has plied the seas with never an accident and is in a good state of preservation. Thousands of summer tourists pay admission to see the fine ship now in temporary quarters. It is proposed to move it to the Marine Park for permanence at a cost of some \$20,000. Why not Northfield enhance its values of the past and capitalize its history?

Know Massachusetts

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Do you know that . . . in the early days in Massachusetts when ladies went to tea parties each carried her own teacup, saucer and spoon . . . Tourist trade in Massachusetts is responsible for the operation of 171 restaurants and other eating places, whose receipts have amounted to about two million dollars during the summer season . . . Quincy can be complimented on the acquisition of a new million-dollar soap factory to be built by Proctor & Gamble Co. . . White & Wyckoff Mfg. Co. of Holyoke have perfected a greeting card that actually talks . . . In Massachusetts there is available the largest number of highly skilled workmen and women of almost every job classification in the country . . . During the past ten years in Massachusetts the average cost of living has declined 13 per cent . . . In early Boston, the most famous coffee house was the Green Dragon, called by Daniel Webster the headquarters of the Revolution . . . The hurricane of Sept. 21, 1938, levelled an estimated two billion feet of timber in Massachusetts . . . There have been ten airports constructed in Massachusetts with WPA funds . . . The Department of Health reports that in 1938 infantile paralysis reached a new low in the state, 19 cases compared with 51 in 1936 which was the previous low . . . Old trails at the Beartown State Forest in South Lee and the East Mountain State Forest in Great Barrington have been enlarged and improved.

PRESS ADS BRING RESULTS

SOUTH VERNON

(West Northfield)

Mrs. Virginia Martin Gauthier, 77, widow of Jean de Baptiste Gauthier, died Saturday morning at her home in Vernon, after an illness of two months. She was born in Canada, May 4, 1861, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew Martin. Her husband died in Whiting, Vt., about 15 years ago. She came to Vernon from Brattleboro, several years ago.

Miss Esther Havercroft has finished her training at St. John's Riverside hospital, Yonkers, N. Y., and has accepted a position as dietitian at the St. Giles' home for convalescents at Garden City, N. Y.

Mr. Chici has been transferred from his work as section foreman to a similar position in Palmer and will move his family there later. His place here is taken by Mr. Sullivan of Palmer, who is boarding at Mrs. Clara Pratt's.

Robert Rogers, who has been seriously ill, has so far recovered as to return to work at the Millers Falls Tool Co.

Alfred Dunklee has returned home after staying a few days at the home of Mrs. Clara Pratt.

Norman Randall has returned from a vacation trip to Virginia. He was accompanied by Windham Holloway of East Northfield.

Mrs. A. S. Wheeler is visiting friends in Windsor, Ct.

A son, Stanley Elliot, was born Jan. 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson of Hallowell, Me., formerly of West Northfield. The child is a grandson of Cecil Wilson of West Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lombard of Winchester, N. H.

The next cottage prayer meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Murray, Feb. 22, at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strange and family, who lost their home by fire recently, are now living in East Northfield on the Wanamaker road. Their daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Carey, is staying with Mr. Cary's parents in South Newfane, Vt. Mr. Strange continues to work for S. J. Martineau in South Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Koshinsky and family have returned from West Halifax, Vt., and are living in the Hamilton house at Vernon. Miss Elva Martineau, of Castleton normal school, was at her home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bruce and family have moved to Bellows Falls, Vt., where he is employed.

There will be a card party at the Pond school this Friday night. Barbara Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Palmer, has returned home from the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

The town of Vernon has purchased a new snow plow.

The Radio Hi Boys of Hartford (WTIC) will give an entertainment at the Vernon Grange hall for the benefit of the dental clinic next Tuesday.

Frederick G. Brooks, speaker for the Townsend plan, who is well known in South Vernon, will broadcast over station WGY on Monday, Feb. 27 from 1:15 to 1:30 p. m.

There was a Valentine party at the Pond schoolhouse Monday evening. The program included games and a quiz contest, which was won by Miss Addie Belle Lenny. There was a progressive penny auction, with Leighton Lane as auctioneer. The sum of \$4.80 was cleared for the benefit of the school children.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Derby of Uncasville, Ct., spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holton.

William Hilliard, who is working in Dalton, was at his home here for the week-end.

Tenney and Smead have disposed of their herd of Jersey cattle and will devote their entire time to operation of their saw mill. W. C. Tyler and R. E. Blodgett bought a number from their herd.

Services at the South Vernon Advent church, morning worship at 10:45; Sunday school at 12:15; Young people's meeting at the church at 7, followed by choir rehearsal. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7.

A regular meeting of Vernon Grange will be held Wednesday Feb. 22. There will be a Washington's birthday program.

Diplomacy

"Do you realize, John," she asked icily, "that you've forgotten that this is my birthday?" "Of course I've forgotten," replied her husband readily; "you see, there really isn't anything about you to remind me that you are a day older than you were a year ago."

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Sunday school at 10 o'clock; at 11, preaching and singing; sermon subject, "The Origin of the Church." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30, followed by a worship service; a service for all ages at the home of Mrs. Allen Field in the Barber district; at 7, the regular meeting of the Senior Endeavor; at 8, Prayer, Praise and Testimony.

Tuesday at 6:30, Brotherhood supper; address, "Germany As I Knew Her" by Rev. Albert Penner of Second Church, Holyoke, who was a student in Germany; at 3, the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel.

Thursday, all-day meeting of the Women's Missionary society; basket lunch. At 7:30, weekly prayer service followed by choir rehearsal.

SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45 church school; 10:45, church worship. The theme will be "Keeping Lent." The Alliance will meet for sewing with Mrs. L. W. Robbins, Thursday, Feb. 23 from 2 to 4:30 o'clock.

TOWN TOPICS

Leon Dunnell and Ted Powell are among those who are attending the Middlebury college ski carnival this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carne were last week-end guests of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne.

Quite a number of our citizens have witnessed the movie, "Jesse James" at the Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro, this week.

"Idiot's Delight" a fine screen picture with Norma Shearer and Clark Gable will open at the Latchis Theatre, Brattleboro, next Monday for a three-day engagement. It's the story of obscure people who meet on the highway of life.

The group of young people who are to be put on the play, "Peck's Bad Boy" at the town hall under the direction of Donald Finch are studying their parts and carrying on rehearsals. They promise a good show and the receipts will go to the Senior class Washington trip fund.



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